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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM'S BILATERAL WITH  
CAMEROON FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 184584

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM MET OCTOBER 4 AT UN AT HIS  
SUGGESTION WITH CAMEROON FOREIGN MINISTER EFON. FOLLOWING  
ARE PRINCIPAL POINTS IN CONVERSATION:

2. BILATERAL RELATIONS: AFTER A BRIEF EXCHANGE ON THE  
SUBJECT OF EFON'S ADDRESS TO THE UNGA, EASUM NOTED CAMER-  
OON'S PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECENT EFFORTS  
TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY. ON THE SUBJECT OF AID AND THE  
DECLINING LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE, EASUM REAFFIRMED THESE  
CHANGES WOULD NOT AFFECT OUR EXISTING COMMITMENTS TO BILA-  
TERAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DEDI-  
CATED LEADERSHIP PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAS SHOWN.

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3. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM WELCOME WHICH HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO US PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. EFON REMARKED THAT HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE RECEPTIVITY OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO THE IDEA OF INVESTMENT IN CAMEROON WHEN HE HAD VISITED THE U.S. SEVERAL YEARS AGO, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FUND-RAISING DRIVE FOR THE TRANS-CAMEROON RAILROAD.

4. AFRICAN ISSUES: EASUM REVIEWED WITH THE MINISTER OUR POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL.

A. ON THE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA-EFON HAD MIXED VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE. HE MENTIONED THAT SOME YEARS AGO PORTUGAL MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPELLED ON SIMILAR GROUNDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF SOUTH AFRICA WERE EXPELLED, EFON FELT THE UN COULD EASILY PROVIDE FOR ITS READMISSION ONCE IT REMEDIATED THE CAUSES OF ITS EXPULSION. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION, EASUM INFORMED EFON THAT US INVESTMENT REPRESENTED RELATIVELY SMALL PER CENT OF TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE CITED USG EFFORTS TO FOSTER RACIAL EQUALITY - SUPPORT FOR EQUAL PAY FOR NON-WHITES IN US-OWNED FACTORIES, CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, ARMS EMBARGO, SHIP VISIT POLICY, ETC.

B. ON RHODESIA - EASUM DISCUSSED US POLICY ON SANCTIONS AND GAVE THE MINISTER A STATUS REPORT ON THE BYRD AMENDMENT REPEAL EFFORT.

6. EFON APPEARED PLEASED BY EASUM'S INITIATIVE TO MEET WITH HIM. EASUM EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH EFON AGAIN WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE. KISSINGER

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